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Cherokee State Park was one of three parks for African Americans in the United States. This postcard dates from 1951 to 1963. Kentucky Historical Society, SC 1521.

MARSHALL COUNTY: CHEROKEE STATE PARK UNIQUE IN COMMONWEALTH

Cherokee State Park was the only Kentucky state park developed solely for African Americans. The 300-acre park had a beach, picnic area, rental cottages and a kitchen and dining hall. More than 2,000 people attended its 1951 opening. The park was closed in 1964 after Gov. Bert Combs signed an executive order ending segregation in public facilities.



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